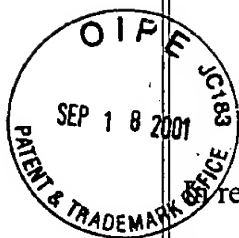


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- ☒ AMENDMENT
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Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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AMENDMENT

In reply to the Office Action dated June 18, 2001, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 10-12 and 14-19, amend claims 1, 2, 4, 8, 13 and 20, and add new claim 21 as follows:

1. (Once Amended) A rapid deploy containment device adapted to receive and retain hazardous waste, the containment device being moveable between an erect open configuration and a collapsed compact configuration, the containment device in the open configuration having a receptacle capable of receiving hazardous waste, the containment device comprising:

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